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1. There was no flying at the FINOW (N 53/V 08) airfield although the visibility was good and the moon full. About 15 white lamps on poles in the northwest field section were turned on at night. No repair work was done at the field during the night.
2. After dark there was continuous motor vehicle traffic between the east field entrance and the town or a fuel dump located on the southern town border.

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3. About 40 aircraft were parked on the northern edge of the field in the morning.

Description:

- a. Ten to twelve braced biplanes, radial engine not faired, fixed landing gear, some with two open seats, others with four- to six-man crew closed cockpit.
- b. Twenty to thirty low-wing monoplanes, in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, rear section of cockpit fairing into fuselage, painted a light blue, cockpit and engine of most planes covered, five planes with red propeller hub, probably a Yak-type.
- c. Six low-wing monoplanes, radial engine, long mounted cockpit.
- d. Three DC-3 transports.

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4. The LC-3s took off during the morning at intervals of one hour.
5. German labor details did excavation work in the center and the western sections of the field. The work in the western section probably was for the expansion of the landing field. Three concrete mixers were in operation from which it was concluded that taxiways or hangar foundations were under construction. There were also extensive railroad tracks for dump cars.
6. The field was strictly guarded.
7. Unoccupied workshops, some damaged, were observed on the road to BIESSENTHAL (N 53/Z 97). These workshops were apparently assigned to a former aircraft plant since aircraft wrecks were scattered about. []

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25X1 [] Comment:

a. The report confirms the repeatedly reported occupation of the field by a fighter regiment equipped with Yak-3s.

25X1 [] this regiment is assigned to the III Str Corps and was stationed in BRANDENBURG up to September 1949.

b. The aircraft described in para 3b are presumably UT-2s or Yak-18s. LI-2s have recently been continually stationed at the field. It is unknown for what reason they are there.

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c. The construction work in the western section of the field (expansion of the runway) was confirmed by []

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